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DCI,

I had a call this morning from Larry Jinks, executive editor of the Miami Herald, in his capacity as program chairman for the 14-17 October Williamsburg, Va., meeting of the Associated Press Managing Editors Assn. (He said this group, with very few exceptions, does not coincide with the one you addressed in New Orleans.)

Jinks was making a preliminary inquiry as to whether you would be willing to appear at one of the sessions. There will be an audience of between 400 and 600. Jinks has in mind a talk of about 20 minutes, followed by a question-and-answer session in which you would share the stage with someone "on the other side" of current issues. He suggested Senator Church, but I told him this no doubt would not go. He said a responsible journalist would be a good alternative. He assured me that he is very flexible on this point and that your appearance is the key.

Jinks will now write to you directly.

Contrary to the New Orleans group of publishers, this group consists of the key newsmen in the country. While we recommend you do offer to give a talk with Q&A, we suggest you decline

STAT the request for the sort of debate
Jinks has in mind.

